

**Neighborhood Advisory Group Meeting  
San Jose City Hall Wing, room 118-119  
September 18, 2008 minutes**

**6:35 pm- Agenda Item I-Welcome and Chair's Remarks**

- Don Gagliardi welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced Councilman Liccardo for D3 announcements.
- Councilman Liccardo gave a status report for Watson Park. The Watson Park Master Plan for approval at next council meeting 9/23/08, with construction scheduled for April 2009.
- Support County Measure A- funds for Valley Medical Center retrofit. State requires rebuilding by 2015. VMC is vital to region and Measure A also includes \$50 million for downtown clinics.
- Measure B provides 1/8 cent sales tax for BART operating funds. Sales tax only collected after BART is built and would amount to approx. \$13 per yr/person.
- New staff introductions: Sharon Ngo Tran and Fred Buzo.

**6:45pm- Agenda Item II- Open Forum**

- No speakers.
- Announcements: many upcoming events, Bark in the Park, Martha Gardens Festival, Chalk Art Festival and more, flyers available; Feral kitten season starting, services available; Full Monty at AMT is a good show; Jay Peoples, new NAG member.

**6:50 pm- Agenda Item III- Anti-Graffiti & Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Presentation**

- Mario Maciel-gang prevention task force outlined strategy for stemming gang participation.
  1. Family involvement
  2. Faith-based community, add'l outreach resources
  3. City participation, extended community center hours, add'l \$\$ for programs
  4. Community Involvement
- Ruth in D3 office is point person for meeting dates/updates
- Open policy team meeting October 24, 2008 (meetings held monthly)
- Art Ramirez-Anti-graffiti team gave handouts explaining different types of graffiti and hotspot locations.
- ½ of recent graffiti reportings are gang-related
- Community involvement crucial, presentations, trainings and tools available.
- [Thurs, Sept. 25, 2008 Graffiti meeting at Northside Community Center with Police Dept, Anti-Graffiti team and Code Enforcement.](#)

- NAG leaders expressed numerous concerns with reporting and response times

**7:50pm- Agenda Item IV/V- Working Group Reports/Updates and Announcements**

- Announcements covered earlier.
- Scott Owens-Traffic calming group update: add'l red curbs painted, mobile radar trailer at 4<sup>th</sup> & Empire; Hensley project start date- June 2009; new crossing guard location on 13<sup>th</sup> St; new stop sign at 15<sup>th</sup> & St. James.
- [Weds. Sept. 24, 2008, Traffic calming and DOT meeting. City Hall meeting rooms 118-119 at 8:00 pm.](#)

**8:00 pm- Agenda Item VI- Review of Action Items/Conclusion**

- Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 6:30-8:00 pm, San Jose City Hall Wing room 118-119**